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Corps seeks groups to maintain campgrounds

TULSA, Okla. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tulsa District is looking for state and local agencies or volunteer groups interested in taking over certain campgrounds which the Corps can no longer maintain due to budget and personnel reductions.

"We are looking for ways to keep campgrounds open by seeking local sponsors or partners who will agree to maintain these areas," said Col. Timothy Sanford, Tulsa District Commander.

Sanford said budget and personnel reductions have forced the Corps to convert 30 little-used campgrounds in the Tulsa District to "lake access only" areas by April 1997. "The Corps is no longer able to maintain the camping areas in these parks," he said. If qualified organizations or volunteer groups come forward, some of these camping areas could be kept open, he added.

Sanford urges those interested in taking over an area to contact the local lake project manager.

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Note: A list of affected lakes and parks is attached.

Tulsa District Corps of Engineers

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PARK CLOSURES IN OKLAHOMA, KANSAS, & TEXAS

OKLAHOMA

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Park</u>	Lake Project <u>Telephone No.</u>
Birch	Outlet Park	(918) 396-3170
Chouteau Lock & Dam	Pecan Park	(918) 489-5541
Copan	Osage Plains	(918) 532-4334
Fort Gibson	Jackson Bay	(918) 682-4314
Heyburn	Damsite	(918) 247-6391
Kaw	Traders Bend	(405) 762-5611
Keystone	Overlook	(918) 865-2621
Keystone	Osage Point	(918) 865-2621
Keystone	Old Mannford	(918) 865-2621
Newt Graham Lock & Dam	Highway 33	(918) 489-5541
Newt Graham Lock & Dam	Rocky Point	(918) 489-5541
Pine Creek	Billy Bell	(405) 933-4239
Pine Creek	Lost Ferry	(405) 933-4239
Robert S. Kerr	Overlook	(918) 775-4474
Robert S. Kerr	Sallisaw Creek	(918) 775-4474
Sardis	The Narrows	(918) 569-4131
Skiatook	Quapaw Park	(918) 396-3170
Tenkiller	Standing Rock	(918) 487-5252
Texoma	Sunset Camp	(903) 465-6263
W.D. Mayo Lock & Dam	Arkoma Park	(918) 489-5541
W.D. Mayo Lock & Dam	Damsite	(918) 489-5541
W.D. Mayo Lock & Dam	Wilson Rock	(918) 489-5541
Webbers Falls	Bluff View	(918) 489-5541
Webbers Falls	Canyon Road	(918) 489-5541
Webbers Falls	Hopewell Park	(918) 489-5541
KANSAS		
John Redmond	Strawn Ramp	(316) 364-8613
Marion	Spillway	(316) 382-2101
Big Hill	Downstream Point	(316) 336-2741
Elk City	Oak Ridge	(316) 336-2741
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	<u>TEXAS</u>	
Pat Mayse	Stilling Basin	(903) 732-3020